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## 22 educational technology projects to share \$1.8 million in federal funds to improve student achievement

MADISON—"Students in our schools have always lived with computers. Technology permeates their lives and is a strong motivator for learning," said State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster in announcing \$1.8 million in Enhancing Education Through Technology grants.

The competitive grants will fund 22 educational technology projects for the 2008-09 school year, impacting 223 school districts throughout the state. Funded projects will focus on using educational technology to raise academic achievement for all students. Grant activities must be based on research or be part of a research study. In each project, 40 percent of funding must be used for staff development that will help educators use technology to improve student academic achievement.

"The foundation of these grants is to use technology to increase student achievement," Burmaster said. "We are targeting resources to staff development to ensure that our teachers and school library media specialists work together to use educational technology effectively as an instructional tool."

The grants mesh with the Department of Public Instruction's efforts to bring 21st century skills to the forefront of classroom learning. Information, media, and technology literacy skills, along with learning and information and life and career skills, are among those deemed essential for success. Grant funding will assist every student in becoming technologically literate by the end of eighth grade and encourage the integration of technology into teacher training and curriculum development to establish successful research-based instructional methods.

Educators responding to a recent survey were highly optimistic about the impact of technology on their jobs and their students. The vast majority of teachers surveyed said they were comfortable using the Internet for research, using administrative software, using technology equipment, and integrating

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technology into instruction. Evidence shows that technology improves efficiency among educators and increases student motivation.

“These grants will demonstrate effective use of educational technology that increases student achievement,” Burmaster said.

The federal grants are targeted to “high needs” districts. The majority of grants went to consortia that include one or more schools that have been identified for improvement based on federal accountability guidelines for Wisconsin. Thus, funded projects have an identifiable impact on each school identified for improvement that is part of the project. Additionally, projects must show how they address *Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Information and Technology Literacy*, include professional development for instructional teams that include a school library media specialist and classroom teachers from the same school, and have effective plans for evaluation and dissemination of results.

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**NOTE:** A list of Enhancing Education Through Technology competitive grants is attached. This news release is available electronically at [http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2008\\_106.pdf](http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2008_106.pdf).



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## Enhancing Education Through Technology

*Elementary and Secondary Education Act — Title II, Part D*

### 2008-09 Competitive Grants

#### **Beecher-Dunbar-Pembin**

Beecher-Dunbar-Pembin, Florence, and Niagara — \$43,500

#### **Beloit**

Beloit School District — \$21,750

#### **Brodhead**

Albany, Brodhead, Clinton Community, Evansville Community, Milton, Parkview, and Wisconsin School for the Deaf — \$75,000

#### **CESA 2**

Beloit Turner, Cambridge, Genoa City J2, Lake Geneva J1, Lake Mills Area, Monticello, Palmyra-Eagle Area, and Waterloo — \$65,250

#### **CESA 3**

Benton, Black Hawk, Boscobel Area, Cuba City, Darlington Community, Dodgeville, Ithaca, Platteville, Richland, River Ridge, Seneca, Wauzeka-Steuben, and Weston — \$80,000

#### **CESA 4**

Bangor, Blair-Taylor, De Soto Area, Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau, Hillsboro, Holmen, Independence, Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton, Onalaska, Royall, West Salem, Westby Area, Whitehall, and Wonewoc-Union Center — \$87,000

#### **CESA 5**

Adams-Friendship Area, Auburndale, Baraboo, Columbus, Lodi, Mauston, Necedah Area, New Lisbon, Pardeeville Area, Pittsville, Port Edwards, Portage Community, Poynette, Randolph, Reedsburg, Rio Community, Rosholt, Waupaca, Wautoma Area, Wild Rose, Wisconsin Dells, and Wisconsin Rapids — \$100,000

#### **CESA 6**

Beaver Dam, Berlin Area, Campbellsport, Dodgeville, Erin, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Hartford J1, Hartford UHS, Herman #22, Hortonville, Kewaskum, Markesan, New London, North Fond du Lac, Oakfield, Omro, Ripon Area, Rosendale-Brandon, Waupun, West Bend, and Weyauwega-Fremont — \$87,000

#### **CESA 7**

Algoma, Ashwaubenon, Brillion, Cedar Grove-Belgium Area, Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah, Gibraltar Area, Hilbert, Howard-Suamico, Kewaunee, Kiel Area, Kohler, Luxemburg-Casco, Manitowoc, Mishicot, New Holstein, Plymouth, Random Lake, Sevastopol, Sheboygan Area, Southern Door County, Stockbridge, Sturgeon Bay, Two Rivers, Washington, West De Pere, and Wrightstown Community — \$120,000

#### **CESA 8**

Coleman, Crivitz, Gillett, Lena, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Peshtigo, Suring, and Wausaukee — \$60,000

#### **CESA 9**

Antigo, Elcho, Lac du Flambeau #1, Lakeland UHS, Merrill Area, Minocqua J1, Mosinee, North Lakeland, Northland Pines, Phelps, Prentice, Rhineland, Tomahawk, and Woodruff J1 — \$87,000

#### **CESA 10**

Abbotsford, Altoona, Augusta, Birchwood, Bloomer, Bruce, Cadott Community, Chippewa Falls Area, Colby, Cornell, Elk Mound Area, Fall Creek, Flambeau, Gilmanton, Granton Area, Greenwood, Lake Holcombe, Loyal, Medford Area, Mondovi, Neillsville, New Auburn, Osseo-Fairchild, Owen-Withee, Spencer, Stanley-Boyd Area, Thorp and Weyerhaeuser Area — \$87,000

#### **CESA 11**

Amery, Baldwin-Woodville Area, Boyceville Community, Chetek, Clayton, Durand, Grantsburg, Plum City, Prescott, Rice Lake Area, St. Croix Falls, Somerset, and Turtle Lake — \$100,000

#### **CESA 12**

Ashland, Bayfield, Butternut, Drummond Area, Hayward Community, Hurley, Maple, Mellen, Mercer, Northwood, Park Falls, Phillips, Solon Springs, South Shore, Superior, Washburn, and Winter — \$100,000

#### **Edgar**

Athens, D.C. Everest Area, Edgar, Marathon City, Rib Lake, Stratford, and Wausau — \$100,000

#### **Fennimore**

Fennimore Community and Iowa-Grant — \$18,945

#### **Green Bay**

Denmark, Green Bay Area, Pulaski Community, and Seymour Community — \$120,000

#### **Madison**

Madison Metropolitan School District — \$50,000

#### **Mequon-Thiensville**

Kenosha, Mequon-Thiensville, New Berlin, and Racine Unified — \$104,400

#### **Milwaukee**

Milwaukee Public Schools — \$179,780

#### **Sharon J11**

East Troy Community, Elkhorn Area, Sharon J11, and Whitewater — \$38,080

#### **Wittenberg-Birnamwood**

Bondel, Menominee Indian, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood — \$50,000